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blown into Washington early in the other of the towns that make New the looks of them off. Moreover, the afternoon, had had a good dinner, was York or Chicago look, respectively, like men of Denver, even those whose insmoking a big black cigar, and was Kokomo and Kankakee when it comes comes are comparatively small, are retalkative.

"Ask me some hard ones," he said, the folks that live in them. Put some about it." extremely difficult propositions to me in the shape of questions. Ask me sit all."

than that, name the three swiftest." Of a good, clean shave by price of goods. "San Francisco first, expert artists, with sharp though, by about a thousand miles. about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening. nor Chicago is in it for a minute with San Francisco for swiftness. I suppose more people go broke out in San Helena comes Denver, and ---" Francisco in chasing after fun than the fun, but slathers of them make Garrison finishes of it before they have

> entirely finished the pursuit. "There's something in the Calfornia way of living-to the burning-the-candle-at-both-ends habit. But you've got to have a lot of money out there to be most exclusively: If you haven't got the coin out there you have got to resign yourself to figuring among the 'also rans.'

earth in which to go broke. You often pitality of Californians.' Don't believe a word of it. California's a heartbreak for a man up against it, and San Francisco particularly so. I've seen men with bum silk hats on their heads working at street cleaning in San Francisco-fellows that have gone out to take the first thing that came along. or another, the game of life out there that live there take it as it comes, or Chicago man has got to be in good, in fact, is such a clipper that it's demoralizing. When you add to this the fact that the climate of San Francisco is the most atrocious known on the face of the inhabitable world-oh, Dr. Rowat is always in attendance at its correct proportions. I wouldn't

care to live there." "Well, how about New Orleans?" asked another member of the party. "There's a popular theory that New

Orleans is rather a dead one." replied the commercial traveler. "New | way, in the busiest portion of the shop-Orleans is the most animated dead one I've ever walked around in, and I've hay my twenty or forty hacks at all of them, in this country at least, hope there's no one from Louisiana in atone for the fifteen-block hiatus. the crowd, for I want to say that there is more drinking done in New Orleans than in any town I ever saw. I don't say drunkenness, understand, I say Stables Tel. 477. drinking. The people down there have got the science of holding their drink down very pat, and you very rarely see an intoxicated white man on the streets of New Orelans. But, gee whiz! how they do drink in that town; morning drinking, you know. Now, up mercial traveler, without an instant's HOLLISTER & CO., - - AGENTS around this part of the world the men hesitation.

very day never think of beginning at stand that this is only one man's opinheir alotted task before luncheon. A lon, and that there are no means of man up this way that drinks before finding out just how much bad luck the beginning of the afternoon is rath- this one man may have had in Omaer askantly gazed at. Not so down in ha.) New Orleans-not by a jugful! It's "What city in the United States has drink from getting-up time to turning- got the best looking men?" was the in time, and the more the better with next one fired at the commercial travthe New Orleans flyers. You hear eler who felt talkative. high-flown sentiments expressed by "Denver, beyond a doubt," was the men at an extremely early hour in the quick reply. "Also the best-groomed REFINED SUGARS. day, down in New Orleans-poetic, and best dressed men. There are more gin-ricky thoughts, you know, before distinguished looking men to the the bite of luncheon. But you get used square mile out in Denver than in any to all that in time, even if you find it other American city-not pretty men, impossible to get used to the New Or- you understand, nor Willie boys, but eans hours for drinking as applied to fine, strapping, splendid looking citiyour own person. Charming old town, | zens. As to that distingue look posnice people; New Orleans is all right. sessed by so many men in Denver, per- PAINT OILS. The speculative manner of treating the haps it's in some measure owing to game of life prevails there, too, as it the fact that a large majority of Dendoes in San Francisco, which is prob- ver men over thirty-five years of age One of the most widely known of ably the reason why the men on velvet have iron-gray hair. There's some American commercial travelers found today strive so earnestly and so suc- quality in the rarified air of Denver himself the center of a group of cessfully to make the most of their that produces this gray hair con the Washington business men at a hotel time and opportunities in the way of heads of women, as well as of men. cafe table the other night. He had pleasure seeking. New Orleans is an unfortunately), but it surely does set

"How did you happen to insert Hele- respect they easily distance the men The whole country's been my terri- na in that list?" asked one of the com- in general of any other city of equal tory for fifteen years past, and is yet. mercial traveler's listeners. "I, for population."

to the matter of actual swiftness."

have a look at it," was the commercial Providence first in proportion to its what I think about things. I know traveler's reply. "If I remember cor- number of inhabitants." rectly. Helena is the richest city per "What's the cheapest city in the Uni-"What's the swiftest town in this capita in the United States, which is ted States for a man of limited income country, then?" asked one of the local saying a heap. Well, most of the Hel- to live in?" of the ground-lucky finders in a min- your money in Chicago in every recould you? They go a merry pace out er-building, and provisions have al-

"Switch off to a more agreeable subanywhere else on the globe. They find ject," suggested one of the listeners. "What American city has got the prettiest girls?"

"Philadelphia first, Atlanta second, atmosphere that conduces to a rapid cial traveler of much wandering. "You live in, that is?" ask that question in such an arbitrary way that there is nothing for it but to answer it just as arbitrarily, but. in the push. San Francisco's main all the same, I speak my convictions. bunch is an aristocracy of wealth al- The prettiest girls and matrons in America are to be seen on Chestnut street in Philadelphia, on a nippy fall or winter afternoon-not the most stylish, you understand, but the most "It's the coldest-blooded town on lovely. I have spoken, and I know it all. I don't belong in Philadelphia, am hear tommy rot about the 'lavish hos- not partial to the place a little bit, but I am a model of impartiality. Then, if there are in any other American city outside of Philadelphia so many pretty women, in proportion to population, as there are in Atlanta, tell me where that town is, that I may take the night sleeper and go there. Wil-California from the east, with the idea lowy girls, you know, and all that, When they went broke they had to wonderfully lovely! They follow fich a hard bargain, much less act dishonstrikes me out there that the folks you do in Boston, for instance, before pass that up." that haven't got money to burn are you see even a passably good looking "How can any sentient human being flat broke. It's a big gamble, somehow girl, you have got to traverse that dis- elect to live in Baltimore?" tance of ground in Atlanta before you on the Pacific slope. But the folks meet with even a moderately plainlooking girl. Washington is a good selves and how to carry themselves, Few of the prettiest ones were expensively dressed, but they looked peculiarly fetching all the same."

New York even a few pretty woman?" asked one of the business men. "I've seen two or three over there myself." "Loads and slews and slathers of pretty women in New York," was the reply, "but I'm talking about the numbers of them in proportion to populations of cities. At that I've walked "Popular fallacy, you ought to say," fifteen squares in New York on Broadping district, and during shopping hours, without seeing one solitary passable-looking woman. Then one I radiant girl dawned, but she didn't And, say, let me whisper it: New York women, San Francisco women, Chicago women, somehow or another, look a trifle-er-well, militant and selfpoised to me; was going to say-erable to take care of themselves-bold. then-but I'm afraid."

"Name the most dismal city in America," said one of the party.

"Omaha, Nebraska," replied the com-

that take a certain number of drinks (The Nebraska reader should under-

markably well groomed, and in this

I know the United States like a book. one, know that Helena's in the state "In speaking of the ladies, you for-That's my particular graft-the Uni- of Montana, that it's the main town got to mention the town where the ted States and the cities thereof, and of that state, and that's all I know most stylish dressers among them

"Ought to take a run out there and "In Providence and New York-

business men, at a venture. "Better ena men picked up their money out "Chicago. You can get more for "San Francisco, New Orleans, and ing way, nearly all of them, therefore— spect than in any other American city. CEMENT, LIME & BRICKS. Helena," replied the commercial trav- well, you couldn't very well expect Everything's cheap out there in the eler, with no more hesitation than if them to hang on to their dust like a way of living expenses. House rent's he but answered an inquiry as to the set of staid old Philadelphia merchants, a song, owing to a long period of ovin Helena; it's wide-open and all alive, ways been at the lowest of figures in tools, visit the Silent Barber | San Francisco is perhaps the swiftest | and there's not a front door key owned | Chicago. 1 might be induced to live Shop. You can't do better town in the world, let alone the Uni- in the city. Nothing ever closes up in there permanently myself if someted States. It's a city of high-flyers. Helena. And, by the way, about a year body'd guarantee me a dollar a min-People out there just commence to get ago I met, out in Helena, a man who ute for life for the job. Not otherout of bed for the day's fun along ten years ago was a clerk in a Wash- wise, though. The people out there ington book store. He now owns so strive to be awfully ba-a-ad and wick-So many sapphire mines that he doesn't ed and fa-a-ast, you know, but their does Chicago. But neither New York know where they begin or end, and- strivings in this direction are too palwell, he contributes his mite to the pable, and the Chicago man going the general swiftness of Helena. After pace always seems to me to be saying. 'Regard me in the act of whirling!' "

' Vhat's the most unsanitary city in America?"

"Philadelphia; Chicago, second; Cincinnati, third: Memphis, fourth-" "What, then, is the most sanitary Washington third," said the commer- city in America? Most healthful to

> "Boston." "Name the most conceited state and city in the United States."

"Most conceited state, California; most conceited city, Chicago." "What do you think is the best governed city in the country-outside of

Washington, of course?"

"St. Paul." "Worse governed?" "Philadelphia: Greater New York,

"What's the most conservative town

n the United States?" "In what part of the country do you

find the greatest honesty in business "Away down south in Dixie land,"

was the quick reply. "A southern man of making ten-strikes and getting rich. and most unstylish as to dress, but as a rule, doesn't know how to drive other so fast along Peachtree street estly. A southern business man can't There's an asonishingly small middle that you can't count 'em, and instead look you in the eye and try to do you. class in San Francisco. It always of having to walk sixteen blocks, as A northern business man-er-well, I

"I don't know."

"Which of the cities is most public

and they surely do spin around a heap third in the matter of its pretty girls. "All of them out beyond the Allegwhile their velvet lasts. A New York No, I'm not jollying, and I'm not sell- beny mountains. The regular, olding goods tonight. I saw at least 200 time barbecue spirit of patriotism pre- water, and does away with high-priced hard training if he expects to keep up almighty pretty girls on F street this vails in the cities out that way, and engineers, and only have one engine to with the procession out in San Fran- afternoon when I took a walk up that their contrast to the cities in the east ook after in your mill. cisco, and even then he's a good one way shortly after getting into town, is noticeable in this respect. There Where water power is available it if he lasts the route. San Francisco, and they know how to dress them- may be, and probably is, as much pa- costs nothing to generate Electric triotism in the eastern cities as there Fower. is out there, but it doesn't show on the of public spirit is New York."

"Aren't you going to give poor old

"No. I was born and reared there, York at this present moment of time. Wiring. But I'm talking facts, you see."

"All right; you've done exceedingly well. Now, name the most beautiful city in the United States." "Well, outside of Washington-"

"Oh, Washington figures No. 1, then, The commercial traveler looked

around the table with an expression "Well," he said, "that's a queer question to ask. I never heard any one doubt it. Outside of Washington,

then. Detroit is the most beautiful of

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